

TOWN OF NEWTON NEW HAMPSHIRE 2013 ANNUAL REPORT



**WILLOW GROVE CEMETERY
(Youngest of Newton's Eight Cemeteries)**

WILLOW GROVE CEMETERY REVITALIZATION PROJECT

In 2010 the Newton Cemetery Trustees asked for and were granted permission by the Board of Selectmen to assume responsibility for the refurbishing and future care of the town's WW II Memorial. The memorial, located on Rte. 108 at the Newton Learning Center, was deteriorating badly.

The memorial was temporarily moved to the garage of one of the trustees, where it was nearly completely rebuilt. Once restored it was moved to its new home at the Willow Grove Cemetery on Whittier Street. The large engraved grist stone, which was part of the memorial, was moved on a Sunday morning by the trustees and the Newton Road Agent, who volunteered his time and his equipment.

In 2012 the trustees determined that the poor condition of the lawn at Willow Grove Cemetery was not befitting the location of the memorial nor the persons buried there. A Warrant Article was placed on the March ballot by the trustees to ask the town voters to provide funds to undertake a revitalization project of the front section of the cemetery.

The residents of Newton generously gave their approval of the article and the project began in the fall of 2012. Once the soil was replaced and the ground seeded and fertilized, the cemetery was closed temporarily to vehicular and pedestrian traffic to give the new seed time to take root.

The photo on the cover of this report was taken in the spring of 2013 just prior to Memorial Day.

